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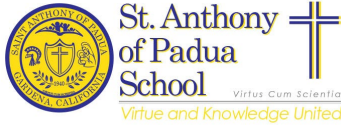*Virtue and Knowledge United*

February 22, 2024

Dear St. Anthony of Padua Families,

It's already time to think about re-registering your students for the 2024-2025 School Year. We realize that a Catholic education is not only an investment in your child's future but a gift that you give them each year. We also understand that this gift of a Catholic education, while worthwhile, can be costly. We know that many of our parents provide for tuition at a great personal sacrifice, and we want to acknowledge that sacrifice and take this opportunity to inform you of the process for tuition aid assistance.

School-based tuition assistance is preferentially given to those families who demonstrate financial need. Parents should always feel free to contact Mrs. Grey as soon as possible if difficult circumstances arise, as we know they sometimes do unexpectedly. As our school continues to search for donors and resources to help build our capacity to give financial aid and scholarships, we are so very grateful to know that we have the Catholic Education Foundation (CEF) to assist us in providing tuition assistance to our families who qualify by meeting income guidelines and need.

Please see the following helpful reminders about tuition assistance here at St. Anthony of Padua:

- Families interested in tuition assistance for the 2024-2025 school year MUST first apply to CEF to be considered.
- The CEF Cycle 3 process has begun for new families and returning, with applications & income guidelines being available in the school office and the school website for your convenience. The CEF deadline is **April 8, 2024**
- Parents should complete the CEF application, collect proof of income and attend a CEF on-site appointment with all necessary CEF paperwork. **Families may use the 2022 Tax Returns and if families do not have Tax Return please complete the Cash Income Notarized paperwork. Appointments will take place at Junipero Serra High School on March 7, 2024. Please call the office to set up an appointment.** Attending a CEF on-site appointment is easy and very helpful. CEF representatives review the application with families in about 15 minutes and ensure that it was filled out correctly with all proper documentation. This ensures that your application can be processed without delays for missing paperwork or incomplete forms.
- Be sure to start applying in February. We want to ensure that as many new families as possible will get this valuable CEF information. This includes our incoming Kindergarten students. Each child can earn up to $1000 in assistance each year.
- Those who do not qualify for CEF may then ask for a school tuition assistance paper application, and through the FACTS website, will be given top priority for scholarship assistance from the school before others are considered. Remember, there are limited funds each year, so don't delay! All St. Anthony School tuition assistance forms must be filled out and submitted directly to Mrs. Grey. This information is confidential, and after a decision is made, financial information will be shredded.
- Please remember that every family must sign and renew their tuition contracts in February to register and secure a spot for your child in the 2024-2025 school year. All families are asked to

sign up for FACTS to make tuition collection easier for everyone and help keep administrative costs low.

- Open Enrollment for all students in grades K-8 is on **March 1, 2024**
- Please also remember that all scholarships must be reapplied for **every year** by turning in these applications (both the CEF and the school-based scholarship application from FACTS) and then meeting with the principal to discuss scholarship awards granted, depending on the funds available.

We thank each of you for your commitment to Catholic education and for choosing St. Anthony of Padua as the school to pursue this worthwhile endeavor. We hope that you, our current families, continue to choose to stay here happily and grow with us in love and faith as we enter the 2024-2025 school year together.

God Bless,

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